AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] The pseudo code in Table I illustrates several problems with conventional serialization within a visual user interface designer. First, conventional serialization within a visual user interface designer typically is limited to a single serialization format, such as code generation. While code generation is certainly a significant purpose for the visual user interface designer, other types of serialization may be desired. For example, an XML representation of the About box may be desirable, perhaps as a universal format that allows user interface objects created in one visual user interface designer to be imported into another visual user interface designer. However, conventional serialization within a visual user interface designer has been tightly coupled with a single format and has not allowed for different serialization formats.